



## Where do college students register to vote?

### WHERE IS YOUR HOME?

Where you consider your home is where you should register to vote. Below are some factors to consider when determining residency.

- You intend to remain at this residence for the foreseeable future.
- You intend to return there during periods of absence.
- You have taken actions to make this your place of residence (such as moving car registration, or driver's license, etc.).
- You can only have one place of residence.

For a full list of guidelines for determining residency, visit [sos.tn.gov/products/elections/register-vote](https://sos.tn.gov/products/elections/register-vote). You do not gain or lose residency by going to school away from home. Below are some things to consider for college students who are attending school in a different county or state.

**If you consider where your parents live to be your home, then you should register at that address.**

- Remember that if you registered to vote by-mail, you will need to vote in person the first election after registering to vote. That means you may need to travel back to your home county during early voting or on Election Day.
- You can request an absentee ballot if you have already voted in-person OR if you registered to vote in-person. (Registering to vote at the county election commission, driver license office or at certain state agency offices is considered in-person registration.)

**If you consider your school address to be your home, then register to vote at your school address.**

- If living on campus in a dorm, your school should have an actual street name and street number as an address. Your campus mail box or P.O. box may only be used as your mailing address.
- Remember to have the correct photo ID. A photo ID issued by the Tennessee state government (i.e. Tennessee driver license) or the federal government (i.e. a passport) are accepted even if they are expired. A college student ID or an out-of-state driver license is NOT a valid photo ID for voting in Tennessee.
  - **Note:** If you registered to vote by mail and are voting for the first time, you must bring proof of residence for the address of registration. If your photo ID has your current address, you can use the photo ID. However, if your photo ID does not have the current address, you must bring proof of residence (such as a voter registration card, utility bill, bank statement or correspondence from the university) when voting.

**If you consider your home to be in another state, then you should register to vote in that state.**

- Fill out the national mail voter registration form according to that state's guidelines.
- Make sure you check the laws in your home state about early voting or requesting an absentee ballot.
- Go to [CanIVote.org](https://CanIVote.org) for more information about voting in other states.